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Colorado Trends

Little change was noted in the State's labor market picture between April and May. Seasonally adjusted joblessness, at 6.8 percent, backed off from the April mark of 6.9 percent as small decreases were recorded in both unemployment and employment. Conditions were better last year at this time, however, with Colorado's unemployment rate at 5.7 percent of the labor force.

The number of jobless fell by 3,000 during May to reach an adjusted 115,200. A noticeable drop in the number of persons filing for first-time and continued unemployment benefits contributed to the decline. Even with the loss, almost 18,000 more persons were without work compared to May of 1985. The current downturn in unemployment was the first recorded this year and hopefully it is a sign that the State's economy is heading for a period of faster growth soon.

The picture was not as bright on the employment side, however. The total number of Coloradans holding jobs in May was estimated to be 1,584,700, nearly 7,000 below the prior month. One year ago, the level was 1,617,000. Actually there was a lot of hiring during the month---just not enough to keep up with normal seasonal patterns for this time of year.

National labor force statistics for May show that increased joblessness among adult men pushed the adjusted unemployment rate in the U.S. to 7.3 percent of the labor force. That translated into a rise of two-tenths of a percentage point for the month and left the rate unchanged over the year. Civilian employment gained 200,000 in May to bring the total of working Americans to a record 109.1 million.

An independent sampling of Colorado nonagricultural wage and salary firms conducted by the State and the Bureau of Labor Statistics each month reveals a decidedly more upbeat economy than does the household survey employment series. Total wage and salary jobs under this method rose by 7,500 to 1,453,700 in May and are 31,000 above last year's level.

Two Colorado industries recorded actual job losses during the current period. Mining (down 500) continues to reel from additional layoffs in the oil patch. Employment in this industry is 3,400 below a year ago with 3,000 of this job loss occurring within the oil and gas subsector. Services, the other category to register a loss, fell by 800 jobs during May. Amusements and recreation lost 2,800 jobs and hotels, tourist courts and motels 400 as most ski area operators closed down last month. The industry loss was much less than expected, however, and officials are looking forward to an exceptional summer tourist season this year. Tourism in Colorado is a major industry and summer

visits are projected to be up by 5-8 percent. Gasoline prices are the lowest they've been since 1979 and travelers are rediscovering America.

Agriculture employment gained 8,600 jobs in the past month, the largest of any sector, as spring planting activities got into full swing. May is generally one of the best growth months of the year for agriculture.

Construction picked up in May adding 3,800 new jobs, the second biggest job gainer during the month. Much of this activity is outside the Denver Metropolitan Area. Numerous expansions at Colorado ski areas are scheduled for this summer and Metal Container Corp., a subsidiary of Anheuser Busch, recently announced it will begin construction on a $20 million aluminum can facility in Windsor later this year. More than 100 production workers will be employed permanently at the plant upon completion. The facility will supply its parent company with containers for use at its brewery presently being constructed in Fort Collins.

In other developments, Cub Foods opened its discount grocery warehouse in Aurora last month. The store employs 400 workers. Sterling Beef Co. has reopened its slaughter plant in Fort Morgan after an 18-month shutdown, while Monfort is expanding its Greeley beef packing plant and will hire an additional 800 employees. Ford Aerospace will add 150 new jobs to its Colorado Springs payroll after landing a federal contract for the design and planning of the second phase of the Space Defense Operations Center and U.S. Sprint just announced it will make Denver the home of its regional headquarters bringing 200 to 300 workers to Stellar Plaza later this year.

While the Colorado economy is still sputtering there have been enough positive developments of late to suggest that the State's job outlook is brighter than it has been in some time.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** edged lower in May, dipping one-tenth of one percentage point to 6.0 percent from the 6.1 percent rate recorded in April. The April mark of 6.1 percent is the highest the rate has been in three years. Unemployment also hit 6.1 percent in April 1983. The total number of unemployed persons in the Metro Area fell by 1,000 over the month to 53,900 in May, but is 10,000 higher than last year's level.

Total employment adjusted for seasonality fell by 5,200 in the month of May to 844,600, down from 849,800 in April and 23,700 below May 1985. The loss brings the total with jobs in the Denver Area to its lowest point since November 1983 when 842,800 were employed. Strength in job growth during May was largely limited to the sectors of retail trade and services which were up 2,100 and 3,100, respectively.

Consumer prices in the Denver Metropolitan Area as measured by the All Urban Consumers Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) were up by only 0.2 percent in the two month period between March and May and were unchanged from May 1985. The zero inflation rate over the past twelve month period contrasts sharply with the double-digit increases common in the late Seventies and early Eighties. In the past year transportation costs fell by 6.7 percent as gasoline prices and airfares fell. Apparel and upkeep was down by 1.9 percent and food and beverage prices fell by 0.4 percent. Housing costs rose by only 1.6 percent and entertainment was up by 0.9 percent. Bucking the trend towards lower price increases, however, was medical care costs which were up by 8.9 percent. Medical care services, a subcomponent of medical care, rose by 9.4 percent, the largest increase of any category. Other goods and services were up by 5.7 percent in the past year.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

COLORADO

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	FEB 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,699.9	1,709.6	1,725.4	1,714.4	- 9.7	- 25.5	- 14.5
Unemployment	115.2	118.2	112.7	97.4	- 3.0	2.5	17.8
Unemployment (%)	6.8	6.9	6.5	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	1,584.7	1,591.4	1,612.7	1,617.0	- 6.7	- 28.0	- 32.3
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	1,456.2	1,450.4	1,449.8	1,422.6	3.8	4.4	31.6
Mining	30.0	30.5	31.1	33.4	- 0.5	- 1.1	- 3.4
Contract Construction	89.2	88.6	88.8	88.0	0.6	0.4	1.2
Manufacturing	191.3	191.8	191.2	194.2	- 0.5	0.1	- 2.9
Durable Goods	121.4	121.8	121.5	124.0	- 0.4	- 0.1	- 2.6
Nondurable Goods	69.9	70.0	69.7	70.3	- 0.1	0.2	- 0.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	89.6	89.7	90.0	88.6	- 0.1	- 0.4	1.0
Trade	364.4	361.1	361.8	354.0	3.3	2.6	10.4
Wholesale	80.3	80.1	80.6	80.8	0.2	- 0.3	- 0.5
Retail	284.1	281.0	281.2	273.5	3.1	2.9	10.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	100.6	100.5	100.3	97.1	0.1	0.3	3.5
Services	337.8	336.6	335.2	319.2	1.2	2.6	8.6
Government	251.3	251.6	251.4	248.4	- 0.3	- 0.1	2.9
Federal	53.4	53.8	53.9	53.4	- 0.4	- 0.5	0.0
State	59.0	58.8	58.7	58.1	0.2	0.3	0.9
Local	138.9	139.0	138.8	136.8	- 0.1	0.1	2.1

DENVER MSA

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	FEB 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	898.5	904.7	912.6	912.2	- 6.2	- 14.1	- 13.7
Unemployment	53.9	54.9	48.9	43.9	- 1.0	5.0	10.0
Unemployment (%)	6.0	6.1	5.4	4.8	---	---	---
Employment	844.6	849.8	863.7	868.3	- 5.2	- 19.1	- 23.7
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	829.5	828.3	829.6	818.3	1.2	- 0.1	11.2
Mining	19.6	20.0	20.4	21.9	- 0.4	- 0.8	- 2.3
Contract Construction	46.6	47.1	47.2	49.5	- 0.5	- 0.6	- 2.9
Manufacturing	100.1	100.2	101.0	102.9	- 0.1	- 0.9	- 2.8
Durable Goods	53.0	52.9	53.7	54.5	0.1	- 0.7	- 1.5
Nondurable Goods	47.1	47.3	47.3	48.3	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	64.8	64.7	64.1	63.2	0.1	0.7	1.6
Trade	211.5	210.1	209.7	204.9	1.4	1.8	6.6
Wholesale	58.3	58.3	58.5	58.9	0.0	- 0.2	- 0.6
Retail	153.2	151.8	151.2	146.2	1.4	2.0	7.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	68.2	68.1	68.2	65.5	0.1	0.0	2.7
Services	200.3	199.2	199.7	193.0	1.1	0.6	7.3
Government	118.4	118.9	119.3	117.5	- 0.5	- 0.9	0.9
Federal	31.0	31.0	31.1	31.5	0.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
State	24.3	24.6	25.0	23.9	- 0.3	- 0.7	0.4
Local	63.1	63.3	63.2	62.0	- 0.2	- 0.1	1.1

1/ Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. 2/ Detail may not add to totals because industry data series have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

Produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

INDEX COMPONENTS	MAY 1986	% CH. 2 MONTHS AGO	% CH. 1 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	356.3	0.2	0.0
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	283.7	- 1.7	- 0.4
Food	289.3	- 2.0	- 0.9
Food at Home	280.7	- 2.9	- 2.1
Cereals and Bakery Products	302.4	- 0.4	- 0.5
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	238.5	- 6.5	- 3.5
Dairy Products	266.9	- 2.8	- 2.9
Fruits and Vegetables	289.3	- 0.1	- 4.9
Other Foods at Home	351.7	- 2.2	0.4
Food Away From Home	315.3	0.0	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages	262.4	1.7	6.0
HOUSING	439.7	0.5	1.6
Shelter	530.6	0.5	1.3
"Renters' Costs	113.6	1.1	1.6
Rent, Residential	266.0	1.1	1.3
Other Renters' Costs	431.8	0.4	4.7
"Homeowners' Costs	111.4	0.4	1.2
Fuel and Other Utilities	364.0	1.0	2.3
Fuels	516.3	0.9	1.2
"Fuel Oil, Coal, and Bottled Gas	149.2	- 3.1	- 4.8
Gas (piped) and Electricity	524.1	1.0	1.4
Household Furnishings and Operation	252.9	- 0.3	1.9
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	191.3	0.9	- 1.9
Men's & Boys' Apparel	225.9	3.5	1.3
Women's & Girls' Apparel	140.0	0.0	- 6.1
Footwear	179.7	1.6	- 0.4
TRANSPORTATION	299.7	0.7	- 6.7
Private Transportation	294.6	0.6	- 7.6
Public Transportation	387.6	2.0	5.4
MEDICAL CARE	415.5	1.7	8.9
Medical Care Services	451.6	1.7	9.4
ENTERTAINMENT	289.8	0.2	0.9
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	362.4	- 0.4	5.7

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri. ** November 1982=100. *** June 1978=100.

STATE OF COLORADO

DENVER MSA[1]/

CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO	MAY 2/ 1986 (thousands)	APR 3/ 1986 (thousands)	MAY 1985 (thousands)		MAY 2/ 1986 (thousands)	APR 3/ 1986 (thousands)	MAY 1985 (thousands)	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
1,100	- 14,400	1,703.0	1,701.9	1,717.4	TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (by place of residence)	901.4	899.3	914.9	2,100	- 13,500
- 4,900	18,000	116.7	121.6	98.7	Unemployment 4/	53.4	54.6	43.5	- 1,200	9,900
---	---	6.9	7.1	5.7	Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.1	4.8	---	---
6,000	- 32,400	1,586.3	1,580.3	1,618.7	EMPLOYMENT	848.0	844.7	871.4	3,300	- 23,400
- 2,600	- 31,800	1,541.6	1,544.2	1,573.4	Nonagricultural 5/	840.1	838.3	863.4	1,800	- 23,300
8,600	- 600	44.7	36.1	45.3	Agricultural	7.9	6.4	8.0	1,500	- 100
7,500	31,000	1,453.7	1,446.2	1,422.7	WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	833.1	825.8	822.0	7,300	11,100
- 500	- 3,400	29.7	30.2	33.1	MINING	19.5	19.9	21.8	- 400	- 2,300
200	- 100	4.2	4.0	4.3	Metallic Minerals	1.5	1.4	1.6	100	- 100
0	- 200	4.5	4.5	4.7	Bituminous Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 100
- 600	- 3,000	21.1	21.7	24.1	Oil & Gas Extraction	17.6	18.0	19.6	- 400	- 2,000
3,800	1,100	88.2	84.4	87.1	CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	46.7	45.6	49.6	1,100	- 2,900
100	- 800	21.6	21.5	22.4	General Building Contractors	11.2	11.4	12.7	- 200	- 1,500
2,000	2,100	14.1	12.1	12.0	Heavy Construction Contractors	7.3	6.0	5.6	1,300	1,700
1,600	- 300	52.4	50.8	52.7	Special Trade Contractors	28.3	28.3	31.3	0	- 3,000
800	- 2,900	190.3	189.5	193.2	MANUFACTURING	100.3	99.7	103.1	600	- 2,800
- 100	- 2,500	120.7	120.8	123.2	DURABLE	52.9	52.8	54.5	100	- 1,600
200	- 300	6.8	6.6	7.1	Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	3.1	- 3.0	3.2	100	- 100
0	- 600	9.2	9.2	9.8	Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Products	5.5	5.6	6.0	- 100	- 500
- 200	- 100	14.6	14.8	14.7	Primary & Fabricated Metals	7.9	8.0	8.1	- 100	- 200
100	100	25.6	25.5	25.5	Machinery, except Electrical	6.7	6.6	6.9	100	- 200
0	- 2,600	22.6	22.6	25.2	Electric & Electronic Equipment	6.7	6.7	8.9	0	- 2,200
0	1,700	17.9	17.9	16.2	Transportation Equipment	15.9	15.9	14.3	0	1,600
- 200	- 600	24.0	24.2	24.6	Other Durable Goods	7.1	7.0	7.1	100	0
900	- 400	69.6	68.7	70.0	NONDURABLE GOODS	47.4	46.9	48.6	500	- 1,200
800	- 200	25.4	24.6	25.6	Food & Kindred Products	16.7	16.1	16.8	600	- 100
0	0	5.9	5.9	5.9	*- Meat Products -*	1.8	1.7	1.8	100	0
100	100	2.2	2.1	2.1	*- Dairy Products -*	1.6	1.5	1.5	100	100
700	- 300	17.3	16.6	17.6	*- Other Food and Kindred Products -*	13.3	12.9	13.5	400	- 200
0	- 100	2.9	2.9	3.0	Textiles & Apparel	1.8	1.7	1.8	100	0
0	100	2.3	2.3	2.2	Paper & Allied Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
100	300	22.8	22.7	22.5	Printing & Publishing	13.5	13.6	13.7	- 100	- 200
- 100	- 600	7.9	8.0	8.5	Chemical & Allied Products	7.0	7.1	7.6	- 100	- 600
100	100	8.3	8.2	8.2	Other Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.8	0	- 300
100	1,000	89.5	89.4	88.5	TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	64.6	64.5	63.0	100	1,600
0	- 700	4.9	4.9	5.6	Railroad Transportation	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 300
- 100	300	18.3	18.4	18.0	Trucking & Warehousing	12.1	12.1	11.6	0	500
200	1,600	17.9	17.7	16.3	Air Transportation	17.2	17.0	15.6	200	1,600
0	400	7.9	7.9	7.5	Other Transportation	4.9	5.1	4.8	- 200	100
0	- 700	40.5	40.5	41.2	Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs.	27.8	27.7	28.1	100	- 300
2,900	10,000	361.8	358.9	351.8	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	211.0	208.9	204.6	2,100	6,400
200	- 500	80.1	79.9	80.6	WHOLESALE TRADE	58.3	58.3	58.9	0	- 600
2,800	10,600	281.8	279.0	271.2	RETAIL TRADE	152.7	150.6	145.7	2,100	7,000
800	1,000	28.0	27.2	27.0	General Merchandise Stores	16.6	16.1	16.7	500	- 100
100	2,200	42.4	42.3	40.2	Food Stores	22.9	22.8	21.7	100	1,200
200	- 100	30.1	29.9	30.2	Automotive Dealers & Gasoline Svc.Sta.	15.9	15.8	15.7	100	200
- 100	1,500	15.1	15.2	13.6	Apparel & Accessory Stores	8.7	8.7	7.8	0	900
1,100	800	106.9	105.8	106.1	Eating & Drinking Places	56.1	54.9	54.9	1,200	1,200
700	5,100	59.3	58.6	54.2	Other Retail Trade	32.5	32.3	28.8	200	3,700
0	3,500	100.2	100.2	96.7	FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	68.5	68.0	65.8	500	2,700
0	200	23.0	23.0	22.8	Banking	13.8	13.7	13.7	100	100
100	1,300	18.2	18.1	16.9	Credit Agencies Other than Banks	13.9	13.9	12.9	0	1,000
0	500	23.4	23.4	22.9	Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	16.6	16.6	16.3	0	300
- 200	600	25.7	25.9	25.1	Real Estate & Combination Offices	15.7	15.4	15.2	300	500
100	800	9.9	9.8	9.1	Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	8.5	8.4	7.6	100	900
- 800	18,500	335.8	336.6	317.3	SERVICES	201.1	198.0	193.8	3,100	7,300
- 100	2,700	30.4	30.5	27.7	Lodging & Comb. Lodging & Eating Places	12.8	12.6	12.0	200	800
- 400	2,500	29.7	30.1	27.2	*- Hotels, Tourist Courts & Motels -*	12.8	12.6	12.0	200	800
- 500	500	17.2	17.7	16.7	Personal Services	10.4	10.6	10.3	- 200	100
600	3,900	72.3	71.7	68.4	Business Services	50.5	50.0	48.9	500	1,900
- 100	400	15.7	15.8	15.3	Auto & Misc. Repair Services	9.8	10.0	9.8	- 200	0
- 2,800	4,400	23.4	26.2	19.0	Amusements & Recreation	11.0	9.5	9.3	1,500	1,700
300	2,300	78.3	78.0	76.0	Health Services	45.6	45.4	44.0	200	1,600
200	400	11.4	11.2	11.0	Educational Services	8.0	7.9	7.7	100	300
300	1,800	22.5	22.2	20.7	Membership Organizations	12.6	12.4	11.6	200	1,000
1,300	2,300	64.6	63.3	62.3	Other Services	40.4	39.6	40.1	800	300
900	3,000	258.0	257.1	255.0	GOVERNMENT	121.3	121.3	120.3	0	1,000
300	0	53.3	53.0	53.3	FEDERAL	31.0	30.8	31.5	200	- 500
- 500	900	61.4	61.9	60.5	STATE	25.1	25.5	24.7	- 400	400
- 600	600	41.9	42.5	41.3	Education	13.2	13.5	12.8	- 300	400
1,000	2,100	143.3	142.3	141.2	LOCAL	65.2	64.9	64.1	300	1,100
0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson Counties. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month. 5/ Includes residence adjusted nonag. wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers, and labor disputants. 6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding, sum of individual items may not equal totals. Other categories within industry series have not been validated by BLS although they are derived from the same source.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA[1/]

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	128,890	129,680	131,370	- 790	- 2,480
Unemployment 2/	7,180	7,420	6,660	- 240	520
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.7	5.1	---	---
Total Employment 3/	121,710	122,260	124,710	- 550	- 3,000

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	175,940	177,130	175,560	- 1,190	380
Unemployment 2/	12,550	12,310	10,250	240	2,300
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.9	5.8	---	---
Total Employment 3/	163,390	164,820	165,310	- 1,430	- 1,920

FT. COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	87,180	87,920	87,300	- 740	- 120
Unemployment 2/	5,140	5,210	4,500	- 70	640
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.9	5.2	---	---
Total Employment 3/	82,040	82,710	82,800	- 670	- 760

GREELEY MSA (Weld County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	64,320	64,630	65,030	- 310	- 710
Unemployment 2/	5,350	5,240	4,190	110	1,160
Unemployment Rate	8.3	8.1	6.4	---	---
Total Employment 3/	58,970	59,390	60,840	- 420	- 1,870

PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)

RESIDENT LABOR FORCE

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: Month Ago	CHANGE FROM: Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	49,040	50,180	48,740	- 1,140	300
Unemployment 2/	5,470	5,590	4,750	- 120	720
Unemployment Rate	11.2	11.1	9.7	---	---
Total Employment 3/	43,570	44,590	43,990	- 1,020	- 420

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force estimates are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data.

1/ To facilitate the evaluation of labor market developments, recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method.

2/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

3/ Total resident employment includes nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers, agricultural workers and persons involved in labor disputes.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	MAY 1986 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	APRIL 1986 REVISED TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6094	5519	575	9.4	--	6051	5457	594	9.8
ARCHULETA	2636	2375	261	9.9	--	2700	2383	317	11.7
BACA	2232	2126	106	4.7	--	2072	1981	91	4.4
BENT	2343	2248	95	4.1	--	2287	2190	97	4.2
CHAFFEE	6085	5426	659	10.8	--	5984	5404	580	9.7
CHEYENNE	1062	1034	28	2.6	--	1040	973	67	6.4
CLEAR CREEK	3006	2720	286	9.5	--	3021	2749	272	9.0
CO. SPGS. MSA	175703	163387	12316	7.0	--	175880	163336	12544	7.1
CONEJOS	2429	2048	381	15.7	--	2453	1977	476	19.4
COSTILLA	996	796	200	20.1	--	1021	779	242	23.7
CROWLEY	1227	1119	108	8.8	--	1179	1061	118	10.0
CUSTER	1077	980	97	9.0	--	1070	972	98	9.2
DELTA	8857	7718	1139	12.9	--	8860	7564	1296	14.6
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1030523	969979	60544	5.9	--	1028123	965973	62150	6.0
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129059	121953	7106	5.5	--	128816	121281	7535	5.8
-DENVER MSA	901464	848026	53438	5.9	--	899307	844692	54615	6.1
---ADAMS	157296	145522	11774	7.5	--	157484	144950	12534	8.0
---ARAPAHOE	204085	193833	10252	5.0	--	203044	193071	9973	4.9
---DENVER	288670	270386	18284	6.3	--	287889	269323	18566	6.4
---DOUGLAS	18907	18069	838	4.4	--	18872	17998	874	4.6
---JEFFERSON	232506	220216	12290	5.3	--	232018	219350	12668	5.5
DOLORES	981	916	65	6.6	--	978	903	75	7.7
EAGLE	12648	11466	1182	9.3	--	13933	12879	1054	7.6
ELBERT	3807	3536	271	7.1	--	3725	3441	284	7.6
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87640	82610	5030	5.7	--	87748	82378	5370	6.1
FREMONT	11213	10036	1177	10.5	--	11152	10022	1130	10.1
GARFIELD	14773	13396	1377	9.3	--	14728	13357	1371	9.3
GILPIN	1384	1278	106	7.7	--	1385	1277	108	7.8
GRAND	5937	5616	321	5.4	--	5917	5583	334	5.6
GREELEY MSA	64781	59564	5217	8.1	--	64081	58678	5403	8.4
GUNNISON	6077	5687	390	6.4	--	6099	5696	403	6.6
HINSDALE	336	330	6	1.8	--	349	333	16	4.6
HUERFANO	3022	2546	476	15.8	--	3016	2522	494	16.4
JACKSON	858	811	47	5.5	--	846	771	75	8.9
KIOWA	1026	994	32	3.1	--	963	934	29	3.0
KIT CARSON	3982	3793	189	4.7	--	3744	3578	166	4.4
LAKE	2117	1661	456	21.5	--	1991	1690	301	15.1
LA PLATA	16439	14993	1446	8.8	--	16583	15035	1548	9.3
LAS ANIMAS	4772	4156	616	12.9	--	4823	4118	705	14.6
LINCOLN	2342	2217	125	5.3	--	2235	2118	117	5.2
LOGAN	9912	9187	725	7.3	--	9584	8948	636	6.6
MESA	41390	36904	4486	10.8	--	41648	36825	4823	11.6
MINERAL	361	311	50	13.9	--	363	314	49	13.5
MOFFAT	5709	4988	721	12.6	--	5747	4965	782	13.6
MONTEZUMA	9115	7996	1119	12.3	--	9197	7963	1234	13.4
MONTROSE	10714	9440	1274	11.9	--	10833	8943	1890	17.4
MORGAN	10375	9198	1177	11.3	--	10093	8959	1134	11.2
OTERO	9028	8230	798	8.8	--	8906	8122	784	8.8
OURAY	1237	1091	146	11.8	--	1221	1073	148	12.1
PARK	3181	2886	295	9.3	--	3152	2891	261	8.3
PHILLIPS	2357	2267	90	3.8	--	2243	2157	86	3.8
PITKIN	9974	9163	811	8.1	--	11007	9286	1721	15.6
PROWERS	6772	6264	508	7.5	--	6681	6152	529	7.9
PUEBLO MSA	49638	44091	5547	11.2	--	50202	44464	5738	11.4
RIO BLANCO	2886	2639	247	8.6	--	2806	2605	201	7.2
RIO GRANDE	5450	4923	527	9.7	--	5183	4629	554	10.7
ROUTT	7673	6810	863	11.2	--	8386	7453	933	11.1
SAGUACHE	1578	1358	220	13.9	--	1516	1272	244	16.1
SAN JUAN	553	471	82	14.8	--	594	483	111	18.7
SAN MIGUEL	2223	1975	248	11.2	--	2251	1992	259	11.5
SEDGWICK	1439	1344	95	6.6	--	1370	1275	95	6.9
SUMMIT	10539	9984	555	5.3	--	10612	10080	532	5.0
TELLER	4751	4303	448	9.4	--	4775	4285	490	10.3
WASHINGTON	2714	2523	191	7.0	--	2586	2362	224	8.7
YUMA	5098	4909	189	3.7	--	4858	4668	190	3.9
STATE TOTAL	1703072	1586336	116736	6.9	--	1701851	1580278	121573	7.1

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP.
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

STATE OF COLORADO
MAY 1985 REVISED

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5833	5381	452	7.7
ARCHULETA	2614	2383	231	8.8
BACA	2299	2197	102	4.4
BENT	2430	2301	129	5.3
CHAFFEE	6152	5557	595	9.7
CHEYENNE	1126	1068	58	5.2
CLEAR CREEK	3062	2850	212	6.9
CO. SPGS. MSA	175375	165308	10067	5.7
CONEJOS	2429	2099	330	13.6
COSTILLA	993	811	182	18.3
CROWLEY	1207	1137	70	5.8
CUSTER	1098	976	122	11.1
DELTA	9043	7962	1081	12.0
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1046459	996386	50073	4.8
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	131604	125018	6586	5.0
-DENVER MSA	914855	871368	43487	4.8
---ADAMS	159175	149527	9648	6.1
---ARAPAHOE	206664	199169	7495	3.6
---DENVER	293151	277828	15323	5.2
---DOUGLAS	19105	18566	539	2.8
---JEFFERSON	236760	226278	10482	4.4
DOLORES	974	930	44	4.5
EAGLE	12860	11879	981	7.6
ELBERT	3853	3590	263	6.8
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87737	83336	4401	5.0
FREMONT	11113	10098	1015	9.1
GARFIELD	14754	13590	1164	7.9
GILPIN	1392	1302	90	6.5
GRAND	5479	5214	265	4.8
GREELEY MSA	65551	61457	4094	6.2
GUNNISON	6109	5803	306	5.0
HINSDALE	331	329	2	0.6
HUERFANO	2878	2545	333	11.6
JACKSON	894	829	65	7.3
KIOWA	1039	1022	17	1.6
KIT CARSON	4062	3967	95	2.3
LAKE	2332	2011	321	13.8
LA PLATA	15882	14685	1197	7.5
LAS ANIMAS	4991	4250	741	14.8
LINCOLN	2352	2281	71	3.0
LOGAN	9737	9278	459	4.7
MESA	41305	36922	4383	10.6
MINERAL	432	316	116	26.9
MOFFAT	5816	5185	631	10.8
MONTEZUMA	9128	8111	1017	11.1
MONTROSE	11125	9729	1396	12.5
MORGAN	10397	9231	1166	11.2
OTERO	9057	8437	620	6.8
OURAY	1244	1098	146	11.7
PARK	3116	2912	204	6.5
PHILLIPS	2378	2317	61	2.6
PITKIN	9454	8669	785	8.3
PROWERS	6915	6522	393	5.7
PUEBLO MSA	49326	44512	4814	9.8
RIO BLANCO	2823	2656	167	5.9
RIO GRANDE	4668	4229	439	9.4
ROUTT	8638	7649	989	11.4
SAGUACHE	1566	1406	160	10.2
SAN JUAN	425	221	204	48.0
SAN MIGUEL	2175	1968	207	9.5
SEDGWICK	1537	1398	139	9.0
SUMMIT	8642	8285	357	4.1
TELLER	4882	4552	330	6.8
WASHINGTON	2774	2589	185	6.7
YUMA	5215	5003	212	4.1
STATE TOTAL	1717478	1618729	98749	5.7

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1985

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5785	5334	451	7.8
ARCHULETA	2639	2398	241	9.1
BACA	2247	2138	109	4.9
BENT	2412	2285	127	5.3
CHAFFEE	6168	5555	613	9.9
CHEYENNE	1084	1050	34	3.1
CLEAR CREEK	3068	2836	232	7.6
CO. SPGS. MSA	177075	166614	10461	5.9
CONEJOS	2494	2075	419	16.8
COSTILLA	997	802	195	19.6
CROWLEY	1188	1117	71	6.0
CUSTER	1079	986	93	8.6
DELTA	8907	8016	891	10.0
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1045432	993371	52061	5.0
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	131159	124445	6714	5.1
-DENVER MSA	914273	868926	45347	5.0
---ADAMS	159425	149108	10317	6.5
---ARAPAHOE	206551	198611	7940	3.8
---DENVER	292811	277050	15761	5.4
---DOUGLAS	19073	18514	559	2.9
---JEFFERSON	236415	225644	10771	4.6
DOLORES	986	924	62	6.3
EAGLE	13224	12492	732	5.5
ELBERT	3831	3560	271	7.1
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87956	83160	4796	5.5
FREMONT	11205	10150	1055	9.4
GARFIELD	14782	13599	1183	8.0
GILPIN	1402	1309	93	6.6
GRAND	5825	5576	249	4.3
GREELEY MSA	65318	60971	4347	6.7
GUNNISON	5945	5673	272	4.6
HINSDALE	345	338	7	2.0
HUERFANO	2865	2545	320	11.2
JACKSON	872	823	49	5.6
KIOWA	1019	996	23	2.3
KIT CARSON	4015	3884	131	3.3
LAKE	2205	1915	290	13.2
LA PLATA	16188	15020	1168	7.2
LAS ANIMAS	4947	4257	690	13.9
LINCOLN	2341	2247	94	4.0
LOGAN	9740	9238	502	5.2
MESA	41700	37313	4387	10.5
MINERAL	331	318	73	18.7
MOFFAT	5847	5209	638	10.9
MONTEZUMA	9144	8144	1000	10.9
MONTROSE	11079	9736	1343	12.1
MORGAN	10376	9383	993	9.6
OTERO	9115	8456	659	7.2
OURAY	1251	1101	150	12.0
PARK	3118	2909	209	6.7
PHILLIPS	2356	2269	87	3.7
PITKIN	9486	9023	463	4.9
PROWERS	6877	6473	404	5.9
PUEBLO MSA	49751	44540	5211	10.5
RIO BLANCO	2830	2659	171	6.0
RIO GRANDE	4730	4232	498	10.5
ROUTT	8687	8021	666	7.7
SAGUACHE	1629	1374	255	15.7
SAN JUAN	427	264	163	38.2
SAN MIGUEL	2141	1992	149	7.0
SEDGWICK	1502	1391	111	7.4
SUMMIT	9279	8932	347	3.7
TELLER	4942	4574	368	7.4
WASHINGTON	2676	2525	151	5.6
YUMA	5084	4909	175	3.4
STATE TOTAL	1720000	1619000	101000	5.9

NOTE ON REVISIONS

Residency adjustment factors for estimates of total employment by county have been updated for 1980 Census patterns of commuting and multiple jobholding. Also, the presentation of data in two labor areas has changed. The Denver Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties. The Boulder-Longmont MSA is Boulder County. The Colorado Springs MSA now contains El Paso County. Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to the 1985 Current Population Survey.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES[1/]

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1986	APR 3/ 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 2/ 1986	APR 3/ 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 2/ 1986	APR 3/ 1986	MAY 1985
CONSTRUCTION	$467.19	$466.72	$472.23	38.9	38.7	37.9	$12.01	$12.06	$12.46
MANUFACTURING	$387.84	$390.31	$379.89	40.4	40.7	40.2	$ 9.60	$ 9.59	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	$401.58	$404.35	$385.43	41.4	41.6	40.7	$ 9.70	$ 9.72	$ 9.47
Nondurable Goods	$365.88	$368.63	$371.15	38.8	39.3	39.4	$ 9.43	$ 9.38	$ 9.42

DENVER MSA[4/]

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1986	APR 3/ 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 2/ 1986	APR 3/ 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 2/ 1986	APR 3/ 1986	MAY 1985
CONSTRUCTION	$506.09	$504.89	$589.41	38.9	38.6	45.2	$13.01	$13.08	$13.04
MANUFACTURING	$420.73	$423.46	$413.50	40.3	40.6	40.9	$10.44	10.43	10.11
Durable Goods	$450.07	$453.90	$419.00	42.3	42.5	41.9	$10.64	$10.68	$10.00
Nondurable Goods	$393.86	$394.60	$407.16	38.5	38.8	39.8	$10.23	$10.17	$10.23

1/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Includes Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT

	COLORADO 1/			DENVER AREA		
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	14,998	19,148	15,268	7,235	8,283	7,625
Continued Claims	137,385	160,092	135,896	N/A	N/A	64,307 2/
Number of Benefit Payments	68,419	75,720	106,323	N/A	N/A	46,516
Amount of Benefits Paid	$19,104,828	$21,479,425	$15,121,171	N/A	N/A	$7,131,102
Benefit Funds Available	N/A	N/A	$57,510,734	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	17,302	12,653	15,246	8,362	6,368	6,676
Nonagricultural Placements	8,025	4,414	6,667	3,744	1,886	2,540
Agricultural Placements	622	223	417	388	108	212

1/ The Colorado statewide totals for number and amount of benefit payments include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit year payments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

2/ Does not include count of claims made by Colorado unemployed whose benefits are a result of employment in another state.

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

April 1986 - In Thousands

	United States 1/	Colorado 1/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	116,317	1,701.9	1,571.7	462.5	408.0	666.3	738.8	253.3
Unemployment	8,115	121.6	99.9	41.5	33.7	60.7	39.4	27.3
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.1	6.4	9.0	8.3	9.1	5.3	10.8
Total Employment	108,201	1,580.3	1,471.8	421.0	374.3	605.6	699.4	226.0

* Estimates are not seasonally adjusted. 1/ Revised.

Produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA *

	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 1/ (In Thousands)	106.1	105.2	104.3	900	1,800
Mining	0.2	0.3	0.3	- 100	- 100
Contract Construction	4.6	4.4	4.9	200	- 300
Manufacturing	28.6	28.6	29.4	0	- 800
Durable Goods	23.3	23.3	24.2	0	- 900
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 100	0
Trade	22.3	22.1	21.2	200	1,100
Wholesale	2.9	2.8	2.8	100	100
Retail	19.4	19.2	18.4	200	1,000
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.7	0	200
Services	22.6	22.3	21.0	300	1,600
Government	21.4	21.2	21.3	200	100

Produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. 1/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding, sum of individual items may not equal totals. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

* Boulder-Longmont Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is Boulder County.

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